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28. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for smoothing of the skin which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to provide for enhanced smoothing of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

29. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for tightening of the skin and which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to promote tightening of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

30. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin comprising an amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

31. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for alleviating the effects of menopause on collagen comprising an effective amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to alleviate the effects of menopause on collagen and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

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32. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, which further comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen synthesis and/or at least one other product which stimulates lipid synthesis.

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33. (amended) The composition of Claim 28, which further comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen synthesis and/or at least one other product which stimulates lipid synthesis.

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34. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 29, which further comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen synthesis and/or at least one other product which stimulates lipid synthesis.

35. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 28, which further comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen synthesis and/or at least one other product which stimulates lipid synthesis.

36. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, which comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen synthesis and/or at least one other product which stimulates lipid synthesis.

37. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 32, wherein said other product which stimulates collagen synthesis is selected from plant hormones, vitamin C or derivatives thereof and/or said other product which stimulates lipid synthesis is a plant hormone.

38. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 33, wherein said other product which stimulates collagen synthesis is selected from plant hormones, vitamin C or derivatives thereof and/or said other product which stimulates lipid synthesis is a plant hormone.

39. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 34, wherein said other product which stimulates collagen synthesis is selected from plant hormones, vitamin C or derivatives thereof and/or said other product which stimulates lipid synthesis is a plant hormone.

40. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 35, wherein said other product which stimulates collagen synthesis is selected from plant hormones, vitamin C or derivatives thereof and/or said other product which stimulates lipid synthesis is a plant hormone.

41. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 36, wherein said other product which stimulates collagen synthesis is selected from plant hormones, vitamin C or derivatives thereof and/or said other product which stimulates lipid synthesis is a plant hormone.

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Please add new Claims 52-61 as follows:

-- 52. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 37, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indolethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, or mixtures thereof.

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53. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 38, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indolethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, or mixtures thereof.

54. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 39, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indolethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, or mixtures thereof.

55. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 40, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indolethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, or mixtures thereof.

56. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 41, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indolethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, or mixtures thereof.

57. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein said cinnamic acid or derivative thereof comprises cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one of said derivatives thereof.

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58. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 28, wherein said cinnamic acid or derivative thereof comprises cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one of said derivatives thereof.

59. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 29, wherein said cinnamic acid or derivative thereof comprises cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one of said derivatives thereof.

60. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, wherein said cinnamic acid or derivative thereof comprises cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one of said derivatives thereof.

61. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, wherein said cinnamic acid or derivative thereof comprises cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one of said derivatives thereof.

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